

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 34, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new Claims 35 to 43 to read as follows.

Claims 1 to 34 (Cancelled).

35. (New) A printing method for printing an image using a printer communicating with an image data output device, comprising the steps of:

comparing a resolution of an image to be printed with a capability of the printer based upon image additional information; and

requesting low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed of the image data output device in accordance with a result of comparison in said comparing step.

36. (New) The method according to claim 35, further comprising the steps of:

determining a size of the image to be printed; and

requesting image additional information, regarding the low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed, of the image data output device in accordance with the size of the image to be printed.

37. (New) The method according to claim 35, further comprising a printing step of printing an image corresponding to the low quality image data requested in said requesting step.

38. (New) A printing apparatus communicating with an image data output device, comprising:

a comparison unit that compares a resolution of an image to be printed with a capability of the printer based upon image additional information; and

a request unit that requests low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed of the image data output device in accordance with a result of comparison in said comparison unit.

39. (New) The apparatus according to claim 38, further comprising:

a determination unit that determines a size of the image to be printed; and

a second request unit that requests image additional information, regarding the low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed, of the image data output device in accordance with the size of the image to be printed.

40. (New) The apparatus according to claim 38, further comprising a printing unit that prints an image corresponding to the low quality image data requested by said request unit.

41. (New) A computer readable medium storing program code for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

comparing a resolution of an image to be printed with a capability of a printer connected to an image data output device based upon image additional information; and

requesting low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed of the image data output device in accordance with a result of comparison in said comparing step.

42. (New) The computer readable medium according to claims 41, wherein the program code further causes a computer to execute the steps of:

- determining a size of the image to be printed; and
- requesting image additional information, regarding the low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed, of the image data output device in accordance with the size of the image to be printed.

43. (New) The computer readable medium according to claims 41, wherein the program code further causes a computer to execute a printing step of printing an image corresponding to the low quality image data requested in said requesting step.